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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador Leonard Unger
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT : Constitutional Expert for Saigon
REFERENCE : Saigon Embtel 2973, 8 August 196

i. With regard to the U.S. Government's quest for a constitutional expert to assist the GVN and the about-to-be-elected Constituent Assembly in its drafting chores, I have an offbeat but perhaps useful name to throw into the hopper: Professor [REDACTED] of (I believe) [REDACTED] and presently [REDACTED]

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2. Professor [REDACTED] is a leading constitutional lawyer who spent

attributes, other than experience, which might make him an advantageous choice for the Saigon task, if he were personally willing to take it and if

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a. He is an Australian by birth and, I think, citizenship. Hence, if he were to take the Saigon assignment there would be a useful propaganda angle to be played here.

b. He obviously could not be considered by any sane person as a tool of the U.S. Government; hence his participation in South Vietnam's constitution drafting process would add to the international stature of the document produced.

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c. If he were to serve, the nature of his present position would inevitably involve the [redacted] in some measure in South Vietnam's political fortunes.

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3. [redacted] may not be a practical suggestion but, at a minimum, his selection for the task would generate considerable interest.

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4. If [redacted] should not be available, we might want to consider Professor [redacted]

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[redacted] is not an Australian, but he is a distinguished British constitutional lawyer of international repute. If neither

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[redacted] are available, we might want to think of the former [redacted] as you know, is an American citizen but a long-time resident of Great Britain, and a highly regarded member of the British bar.

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